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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered that question."

MR. PRESIEDNT :—" Yes, no alcoholic drinks were served."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Were not alcoholic drinks served on the occasion of that dinner on the night of the 15th August 1948?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" No alcoholic drinks might have been served at the dinner but still they might have taken them themselves." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No medical examination of the students was made on the occasion to find whether anyone was drunk and there was no need for any such examination; there was no disorderly behaviour of any sort."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Does the Hon. Minister mean, Sir, that alcoholic drinks might have been taken but that there was no disorderly behaviour?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No drinks were served on the occasion and there was no disorderly behaviour; that is what I have said."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The question is whether those people were found in a state of drunkenness."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Manufacture of power alcohol.

* 131 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to encourage the manufacture of power alcohol especially in view of the reported short supply of petrol?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The Government have examined the question of developing the power alcohol industry in this Province and consider that the manufacture of power alcohol from molasses is possible and desirable. The Government of India have been addressed to allocate five units for this Province for manufacturing about 20 lakhs gallons of power alcohol per annum. In the mean time the question of selecting suitable agencies who should be permitted to start power alcohol factories and the places where these factories should be located, is being examined."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates 'revision' by the Member.**]

II.—MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member (Mr. Farookhi) desire to make his motion?"

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Yes, Sir."

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have received notice of motion for adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. Farookhi. Here is the motion :

'*I beg to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the rise in fares of the state-owned buses in the City.*'

So far as the Chair is concerned, the motion is in order. Has the hon. Member the leave of the House?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I have no objection."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have no objection."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I fix 4 p.m. to-day for the discussion of the motion."

GOVERNMENT MOTION.

III.—MOTION UNDER RULE 17 OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Mr. President, I move—

'*That rule 17 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Wednesday, the 24th November* 1948.' "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is that rule 17 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Wednesday, the 24th November 1948."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" We are in the midst of a Bill and I do not propose to oppose this motion. But I think that the Leader of the House will indicate to us what other day he will allot to us for the transaction of non-official business as to-day has been taken up for the transaction of official business."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not possible to say with any definiteness. I shall try my best to allot it as soon as Government business is over."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" We have notice of 69 amendments of which we have finished 28 and only forty remain to be disposed of. Within two days we shall be finishing the Bill ; why not we have a non-official day after this Bill is over. To-morrow evening, we may finish this Bill and we can have the non-official business on the 26th."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, there is the Madras Agriculturists' Relief (Amendment) Bill. It is very urgent and necessary that it should be passed soon. It should not be further delayed. Moreover, the question of giving retrospective effect is also there. Therefore, it should be finished soon." 11-45 a.m.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" What time will it take?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, it will not take more than one day. It took only one day in the other House."